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1. Background: The Shell Oil Petroleum Company of China, locally known as Shell Company of China, is a British concern which was formerly known as the Asiatic Petroleum Company. It has been operating a storage and distributing plant at Tientsin, North China for many years.

2. Products Handled:

- a.) At the present time practically the entire plant is used in handling kerosene. There has been only one shipment of petrol delivered this year and none is expected in the near future.

- b.) Three ships with case oil have been received since 1 January 1946.

3. Plant Equipment and Storage Capacity:

- a.) The plant equipment is in very poor condition because it was not lubricated or properly repaired while under Japanese operation.
  - b.) There are two large storage tanks of 1,000 tons capacity each and two settling tanks with a capacity of 100 and 200 tons respectively. Kerosene and oil are stored in steel drums purchased from the U.S. Marines. There are sufficient pumps and other facilities in fair operating condition to serve the above tanks.
  - c.) There is one dock capable of accomodating one tanker carrying up to 1,000 tons, which is the usual size of shipments received. Depth of water at low tide is 18 feet at this dock. There are three pontoons in good condition connected with the dock. Approximately 24 hours are required to discharge a 1,000 ton tanker.
  - d.) Present storage capacity is 2,000 British long tons at 60 degrees fahrenheit. Previous storage capacity was 25,500 water tons in 8 large storage tanks and three settling tanks.
  - e.) Average turnover per month is 2,000 tons of kerosene.
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f.) After the kerosene is poured into steel drums it is shipped to the various customers via railway.

4. Taxes and Customs Duties: Shipments come from various areas, but as all ships come via Singapore, the Chinese new anti-foreign shipping rules do not apply to British and other foreign-registered tankers which bring oil to China.
5. Labor and Wages: The company employs approximately 80 men, including daily workers. Technicians receive CNY 80,000 to 86,000 per month. Quarters and food have never been furnished to the workers.
6. Guards and Pilferage: Considering the nature of the cargo and also the fact that the property is guarded by the Chinese armed police, there is no pilferage. When shipments leave the plant by rail, one guard attends each tank car to its destination.
7. Fire Hazard: The plant has no proper fire fighting equipment or protection; however, the tanks are located well away from each other.

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